

Strategic Searching

Directions

Choose a large city in another state. Imagine that you work at a company located in that city. Each year, your company has a yearly “employee appreciation” gathering. You are part of a group that is planning the event, and your boss asked you to find a park in the local area where you can have a picnic. The company has 50 employees. Money is tight, so you have to find a free or inexpensive location. Here is what you know you need:

- Public park (not private)
- An area to play games and do team-building activities
- A covered area in case it rains
- Restrooms

Your boss needs a recommendation in 15 minutes. Take 5 minutes to plan your search, using the strategies you’ve already learned about, and 10 minutes to come up with a suggestion.

Fill out the sections below to plan your search. Then write down the location you chose.

Select research questions. (*What question(s) do you have? Write the question(s) below.*)

Extract keywords and terms. (*Be broad or specific, depending on your goals. Use synonyms, and apply some of the strategies you learned. Write your keywords below.*)

Apply search strategies. (*What search strategies will help you find the information you need? Write down your keywords with search strategies applied.*)

Run your search. (*Search using the terms that you chose and look at the results. Remember to check out several sources.*)

CHart your search. (*Keep track of what you searched for and where, so that you don't repeat work. Jot down what you searched for and where you searched for it.*)



City you chose:

Name of park you chose:

URL of park: